

# the Westminster Insider News



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## SIGLER PARK SPLASH PAD REOPENS FOR SUMMER



If you hear laughter as you pass by Sigler Park, that's the sound of joy and excitement coming from the kids and their families at the Splash Pad. Now open through Sept. 6, pre-registration is required two weeks in advance to visit this free community water park. Reservations are limited, so reserve your spot before the summer passes you by.

"It's been well received," said Vanessa Johnson, Westminster community services supervisor. "We've been full to capacity every session."

The popular water park, complete with all manner of features to get kids wet, is open from 12:30 to 5 p.m., with two two-hour sessions: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Capacity is strictly enforced.

Pre-registration is required for everyone entering the facility, regardless of whether you'll be splashing in the water. [Click here for more information on our website](#) or call 714-895-2860.

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[cityhallpio@Westminster-CA.gov](mailto:cityhallpio@Westminster-CA.gov)

Get the vaccine news you need

COVIDVACCINEFACTS.com 



The **COVID-19 vaccine** is now available to everyone who lives or works in OC, age 12 and older, based on supply.

*See details for minors.*



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OTHER  
**VACCINE  
RESOURCES**  
IN ORANGE COUNTY

Questions about COVID-19 or  
the COVID-19 vaccine?

**Call (714) 834-2000**

The OC Health Care Agency  
Hotline offers automated  
responses to FAQs 24/7 and live,  
trained operators from  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



# *New Staff and Promotions*

- **Jodie Griner**
  - *Human Resources Director*
- **Erin Backs**
  - *Finance Director*
- **Jennifer Anderson**
  - *Assistant Finance Director*
- **Jake Ngo**
  - *Public Works Director/City Engineer*
- **Tuan Pham**
  - *Assistant City Engineer*





## BUSINESS RESOURCES

*For valuable guidance on how to start and grow your business in the City of Westminster, please check out our new Business Welcome Kit!*

**Find helpful  
contacts, permits  
you may need,  
business resources,  
and more!**

**CLICK HERE**



Check out our "Local Business Resources" page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!



# BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021*

## 2020-2021 Review

This report contains information on resources through the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21, which is the period between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

## Top Revenues

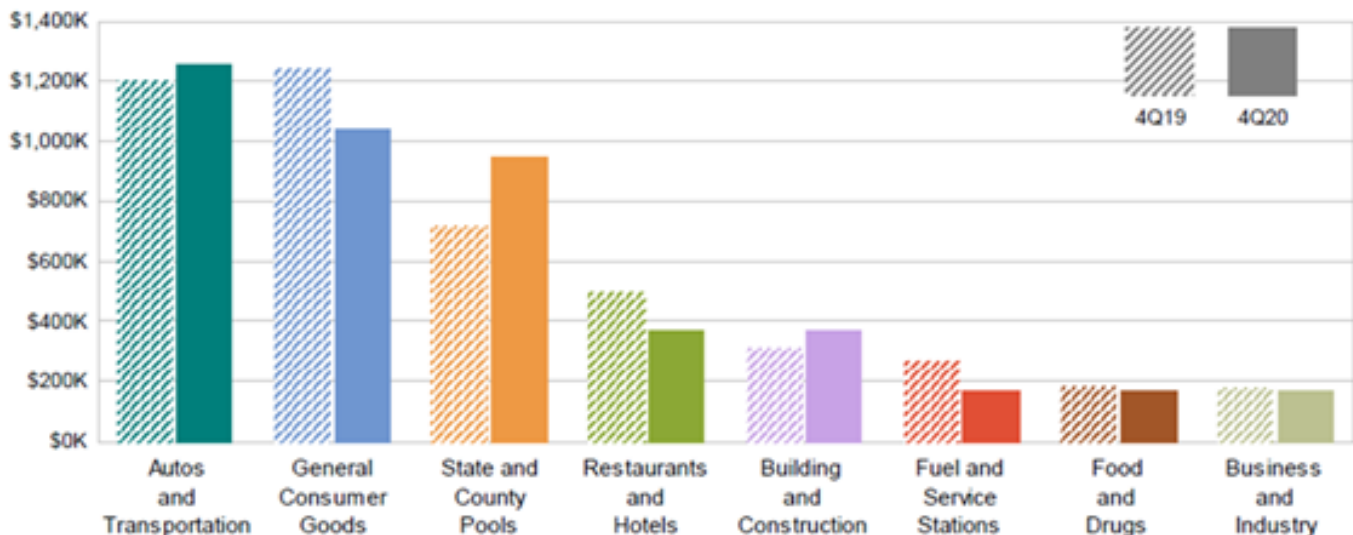
The top revenue sources for the City's General Fund are sales tax, transaction use tax, property tax, utility users tax and charges for service which combined make up 89% of total General Fund revenue. Current projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted. FY 2020-21 revenues were originally budgeted at \$60.2 million with a current revised budget of \$61.7 million adjusted to include already received COVID Cares funding of \$1.5 million. Through the 3rd quarter, we have received \$39.8 million in revenue in the General Fund or 64.5% as of March 31, 2021.

## Sales Tax/Transaction Use Tax

The following charts, from the City's sales tax consultant HdL, represent 4th quarter calendar year sales, July 2020 through December 2020. Year-over-year comparison show Westminster's receipts down 2.3% from the fourth quarter sales in the prior period. The major drops are due to the impacts of COVID-19. Consumer spending increased as more retail stores re-opened, but revenues are still below pre-pandemic levels and consumers continue to prefer online shopping. As you can see in the first chart, there is a large increase in the State and County pools which are online sales. The second chart shows the category changes for the transaction use tax. As you can see in the second chart, there is no category for pools because the transaction use tax generated from online sales is allocated directly to the City. Westminster's share of the taxes generated from online purchases of our residents stay within the City.

### Sales and Use Tax

4Q19 Compared To 4Q20

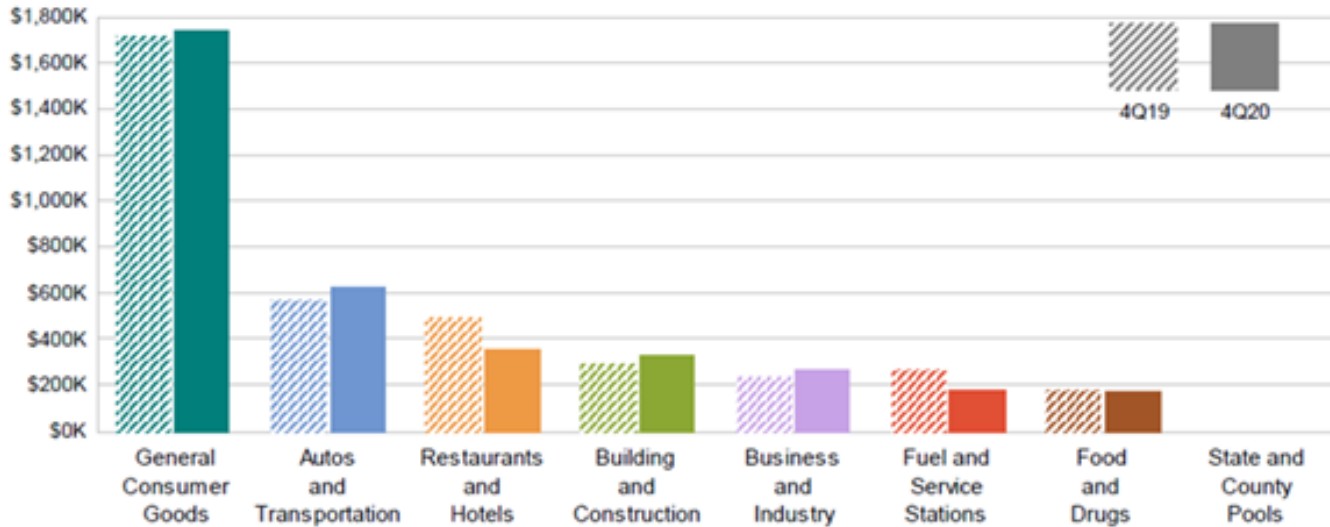




# BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)

## Transaction Use Tax (Measure SS)

4Q19 Compared To 4Q20



Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts are remitted to the City in arrears so the quarter totals shown in the table below represent seven months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections from the City's sales tax consultant, HdL, anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is a still an estimate as we have only received the 7 months of receipts for FY 2020-21, however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted. We will continue to actively track this important revenue source.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 15,133,600	\$ 9,944,616	65.7%	\$ 10,080,046	\$ (135,430)
Transaction Use Tax	11,883,000	8,159,367	68.7%	8,177,090	(17,723)
	\$ 27,016,600	\$ 18,103,983	67.0%	\$ 18,257,136	\$ (153,153)

## Property Tax

Property tax revenue is trending slightly higher than the prior fiscal year. This estimate is pretty close to actual as most of the revenue from property tax receipts come in December and April.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Property Tax	\$ 17,624,000	\$ 9,261,321	52.5%	\$ 8,750,040	\$ 511,281

# BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)

## Utility Users Tax

Utility user's tax is slightly more than the prior year but in line with the budget.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Utility Users Tax	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 2,989,622	71.2%	\$ 2,940,503	\$ 49,119

## Charges for Service

Charges for service are looking positive for FY 2020-21. This is partly due to the Cost Recovery Study adopted in FY 2019-20 and the development activity within the City. Receipts to date are lower than the same time last year however, overall projections to year end are favorable.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Charges for Service	\$ 4,495,061	\$ 3,810,783	84.8%	\$ 4,090,093	\$ (279,309)

## Expenditures

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$482 thousand over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Expenditures	\$ 64,507,329	\$ 49,763,179	77.1%	\$ 49,281,500	\$ 481,678

*At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment is necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.*

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact Erin Backs, Interim Finance Director at [eback@westminster-ca.gov](mailto:eback@westminster-ca.gov) or (714) 548-3185.*

# Virtual Meetings



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- [City of Westminster YouTube Channel](#)
- [City of Westminster Streaming Video Online](#)
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings](http://www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings).

## Council Meeting Schedule



*\*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference. [Click here to view agendas.](#)*



**[Missed the last meeting? Get the quick recap here.](#)**



# RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

## Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On June 28, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners. Beginning November 1, 2021, landlords can take tenants to small claims court to recover unpaid rent debt. [Read more here.](#)



Tenants



Homeowners



Landlords



Partners



## Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminister? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

## City of Westminister - List of Affordable Housing

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at [ochousing.org](http://ochousing.org).

## Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminister.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at [info@fhfca.org](mailto:info@fhfca.org).



# Do you need help with rent or utilities?

You may be eligible for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program.

**Get 100% of your rent and utilities paid!**

Financial assistance is available from the State of California for income eligible renters and their landlords who have been impacted by COVID-19 and have past due rent or utilities, or who need help with upcoming rent or utilities.

## Both renters and landlords are encouraged to apply.

Assistance is available for unpaid rent dating back to April 1, 2020, as well as for future rent.

Assistance is also available for unpaid utility payments dating back to April 1, 2020, or for future utility payments, which will both be compensated at 100% of cost, limited to a total of 12 months, and paid directly to the utility provider.

*Assistance from the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program does not count as earned income and will not affect eligibility for any other state benefit assistance programs.*

*All applicant information is kept private and will not be shared.*

*Income eligible applicants may qualify regardless of immigration status and will not be required to show proof of citizenship.*



## How do I apply?

To check eligibility and apply, visit **HousingIsKey.com** or call **833-430-2122**.

For in-language assistance, to get help with eligibility requirements or filling out an application, schedule an appointment with a local organization near you by calling **833-687-0967**.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is an official State of California sponsored program.





# City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING** ELEMENT UPDATE

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element.  
Watch [these videos](#) below to learn more about what a housing element is!



## Why is the City updating its Housing Element?

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster. [Click here for more information about our Housing Element Update.](#)



# New ADU Process

For projects that only involve an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and/or junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU), you may proceed through our combined Planning Division Zoning Clearance and Building Division Permit Plan Check. The steps are design, screen, structural details and engineering, review, and construction, and are summarized [here](#).

For projects involving an ADU/JADU proposed in conjunction with a minor room addition/remodel to a single-family residence, [click here](#) to access the application form for the combined Planning Division Zoning Clearance and Building Division Permit Plan Check process.

For all other projects involving an ADU proposed in conjunction with other construction, the combined Planning Division Zoning Clearance and Building Division Permit Plan Check process will not apply. [Click here](#) to access the application forms for Zoning Clearance and Development Review.

[Click here](#) for more information about Accessory Dwelling Units.





## Hours of Operation

**Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Friday**

**9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Thursday**

**11 a.m. - 8 p.m**

**(714) 903-1331**

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

## **Westminster Family Resource Center**



**Located at Sigler Park  
7200 Plaza St.  
Westminster, CA 92683**

## **Partners**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF WESTMINSTER**



**ASIAN AMERICANS  
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JUSTICE**  
ORANGE COUNTY



**COMMUNITY ACTION  
PARTNERSHIP**  
ORANGE COUNTY



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Crisis Shelters & Centers for Victims of Domestic Violence



# ORANGE COUNTY ONE-STOP MOBILE UNIT

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

THE OC ONE-STOP MOBILE UNIT WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT **WESTMINSTER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

Wednesdays, July 14, 28 and August 4  
10 AM to 4 PM

7200 Plaza Street, Westminster, CA 92683

\*Services are available via appointment only. Walk-up services are not available.



## EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INCLUDE:

- » Recruiting & Pre-Employment Screening
  - » Interviewing & Training
  - » Career Development Activities
  - » Individual Assessments
  - » Local Hiring Events
- ...AND MORE!**



**OC Community Services**

**READY S.E.T. OC**  
WIOA Youth Program

**americanjobcenter**  
CALIFORNIA

**Orange County  
One-Stop Center**  
Linking Business & People

**Orange County Workforce Development Board**  
A subsidiary to the County of Orange

**westminster  
WFRC**  
family resource center

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT, VISIT  
[OCONESTOP.COM/MOBILE-UNIT](http://OCONESTOP.COM/MOBILE-UNIT) OR  
CALL (714) 480-6500**



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

# WESTMINSTER

*Newsletter & Recreation Guide*

*summer*  
2021



## Virtual Recreation Center

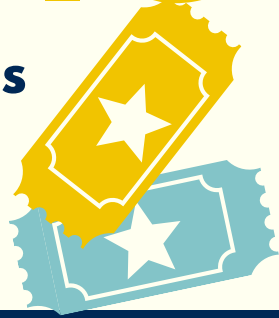
*Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!*

***Check back weekly***   
***for themed activities!***



# MOVIE & MUSIC

Westminster Civic Center Sunken Gardens  
8200 Westminster Blvd.  
714.895.2860



**TROLLS WORLD TOUR**

**THURSDAY, JULY 22**

**MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK**

**SCOTT BRUCE: ELVIS TRIBUTE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 29**

**MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:00PM**



**QUEEN NATION**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5**

**MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:00PM**





# SIGLER PARK SPLASH PAD

**7200 PLAZA ST.**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**12:30-2:30 P.M. & 3-5 P.M.**

**DAILY: JUNE 21 - SEPTEMBER 6**

## PRE-REGISTRATION **REQUIRED**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**

**[HTTP://BIT.LY/SIGLERSPLASHPADSUMMER2021](http://bit.ly/siglersplashpadsummer2021)**

## MAXIMUM CAPACITY ENFORCED

## PRIVATE RENTALS

**10 A.M. TO 12 P.M. ON DAYS OF OPERATION**

**Call us at 714.895.2860 for new rules, details, & more information.**







**DEMILLE ELEMENTARY**

15400 VAN BUREN STREET,  
MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655

**TUESDAYS, 9AM-4PM**

**FRYBERGER ELEMENTARY**

6952 HOOD DRIVE,  
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

**WEDNESDAYS, 9AM-4PM**

**SCHMITT ELEMENTARY**

7200 TRASK AVENUE,  
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

**THURSDAYS, 9AM-4PM**

**WILLMORE ELEMENTARY**

7122 MAPLE STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

**FRIDAYS, 9AM-4PM**

**WESTMINSTER LIBRARY  
(LAWN ON 13TH STREET)**

8180 13TH STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

**SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON**

**FREE WIFI!**

**GET CONNECTED!**

**OCPL.ORG/WIFIONWHEELS**



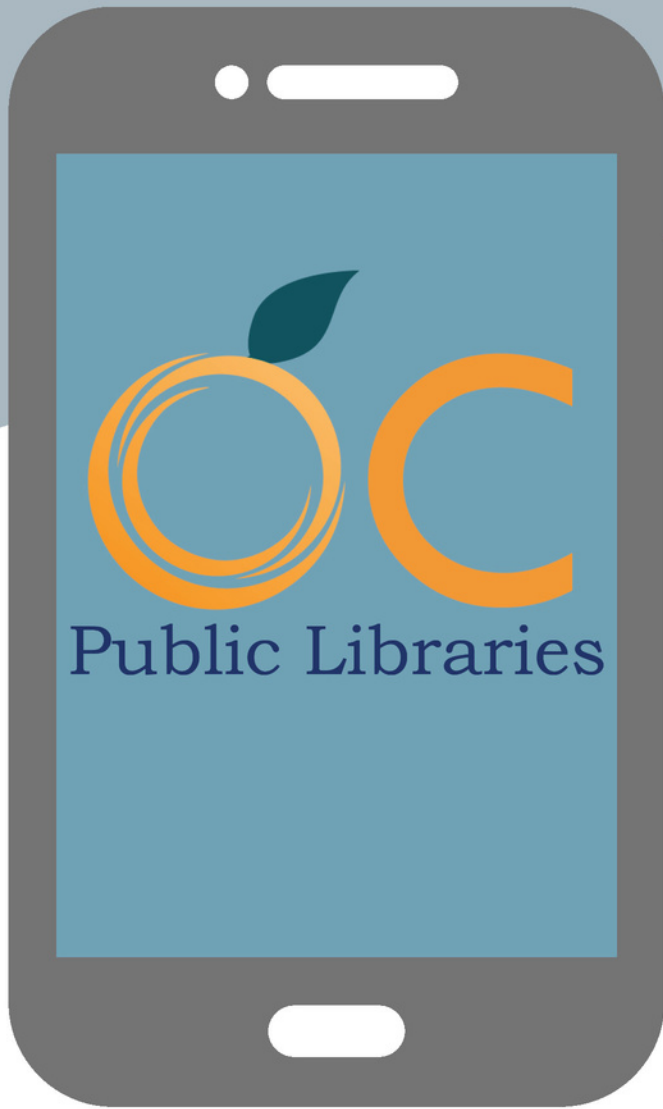
**Westminster Library is closed until further notice for remodeling.**

**Holds may be picked up at Garden Grove Main Library.  
(11200 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840)**



Orange County, CA  
**Public Libraries**  
Open Doors. Free Access. Community.

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- RENEW ITEMS
- CHECKOUT EBOOKS & EAUDIOBOOKS
- SYNC ALL YOUR OCPL CARDS IN ONE PLACE

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**APPLE**



**ANDROID**

FOR MORE INFO:  
**OCPL.ORG**



Orange County, CA  
**Public Libraries**  
*Open Doors. Free Access. Community.*



# COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT

*Dedicated to Beautifying the City of Westminster*

## Community Preservation Unit

*Complaint = Clean-up*



*Before*

*After*



*A friendly reminder from*

**THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT (CPU)**

A complaint = a clean-up! If you see discarded items, let the Community Preservation Unit know.

Call **714-548-3476** or download the **My Westminster mobile app** for quick and easy reporting!



# No-Cost Mattress Recycling



## We do not accept:

Excessively wet, damaged, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs

Items infested with bed bugs

Fold-out sofa beds, futon frames/bases, mattress pads/toppers

Water beds, air mattresses, car beds

Infant & child products, infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers

Sleeping bags, pillows

Other furniture or sleep products

## How do I get rid of my old mattress?

Residents can drop off mattress, box springs, and futon mattresses separated from the base or frame for no-cost recycling.

Midway City Sanitary District  
14451 Cedarwood Ave. Westminster, CA 92683  
Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

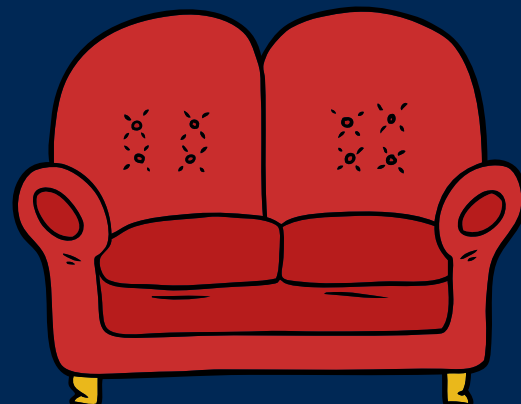


For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 or visit [www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service](http://www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service).

## Schedule a Bulky Item Pickup!

The District provides a monthly bulky item service for the disposal of some appliances and furniture, and will collect two such items from each household approximately every thirty days. For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 at least one week in advance.

Normal items that the District will pick up are: furniture, appliances, patio furniture, large plastic toys, lawn care equipment, television sets, computer monitors, and water heaters. The District does **NOT** pickup: carpet, rugs, glass, mirrors, construction materials, wood, fencing, doors, pallets, and exercise equipment. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR ITEMS ON THE CURB UNTIL SCHEDULED FOR PICKUP.**



## EXTREME HEAT SAFETY



*In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work harder to maintain a normal temperature. Below are some safety tips and recommendations for how you can prepare for extreme heat waves, ensuring you and your family stay safe.*



*The most common types of heat related illnesses are heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Conditions resulting from extreme heat can result in illness, injury or even death.*



**Orange County  
Fire Authority**

[ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org)

(714) 573-6200



### **If the weather is extremely hot**

- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Avoid strenuous work or activities during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat and take frequent breaks.
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages and sugary drinks.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes.
- Protect your face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Check on co-workers, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
- Watch for signs and signals of: sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Those most at risk include infants, young children, adults over 65 years of age and those with chronic conditions.
- Protect your skin by using "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" sunscreen.
- Limit outdoor activities to the coolest part of the day, usually before 10am and after 3pm. Rest often in the shade if you are outside.
- Never leave infants, young children, or pets in a hot car.

### **To prepare for extreme heat, you should**

- Install window air conditioners snugly; insulate if necessary.
- Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation.
- Install temporary window reflectors to reflect heat back outside.
- Weather-strip doors and door sills to keep cool air in.
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings, or louvers as they can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80 percent.

## ***Did you know...***

**City Hall, Community Services, and the Westminster Police Department lobby are open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. for walk-ins (7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. for WPD).**

**Appointments are still encouraged.**  
**[Click here to schedule an appointment.](#)**

**There will be no street sweeping on July 29 and July 30.**

**You can now apply, renew, or pay for your business license online through HdL Companies. For more information, visit: <https://westminster.hdlgov.com> or call (657) 622-0222.**

**You can purchase or renew your dog license online! [Click here for more information and to submit payments.](#)**

**Need to pay your water bill in person?  
Visit our Corporation Yard!**

**Westminster Corporation Yard  
14381 Olive St.  
Westminster, CA 92683**

**(714) 894-3796**

**Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:00am - 4:30pm**

**The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!**



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## OTHER NEWS



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### CALIFORNIANS GET MORE WITH THE CHILD TAX CREDIT

Californians with children under 6 can get up to \$4,600 for the 2021 tax year with the *American Rescue Plan's Child Tax Credit* and *California's Young Child Tax Credit*.

#### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CHILD TAX CREDIT

Qualifying families can get up to:



**\$300 per child**  
per month  
starting July 15



**\$3,600 per child**  
under 6 per year


#### CALIFORNIA'S YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT

Qualifying families can get up to an additional:



**\$1,000**  
per year






## CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES

[www.westminster-ca.gov/coronavirus](http://www.westminster-ca.gov/coronavirus)





## 405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

[OCTA.NET/405MAP](http://OCTA.NET/405MAP)

